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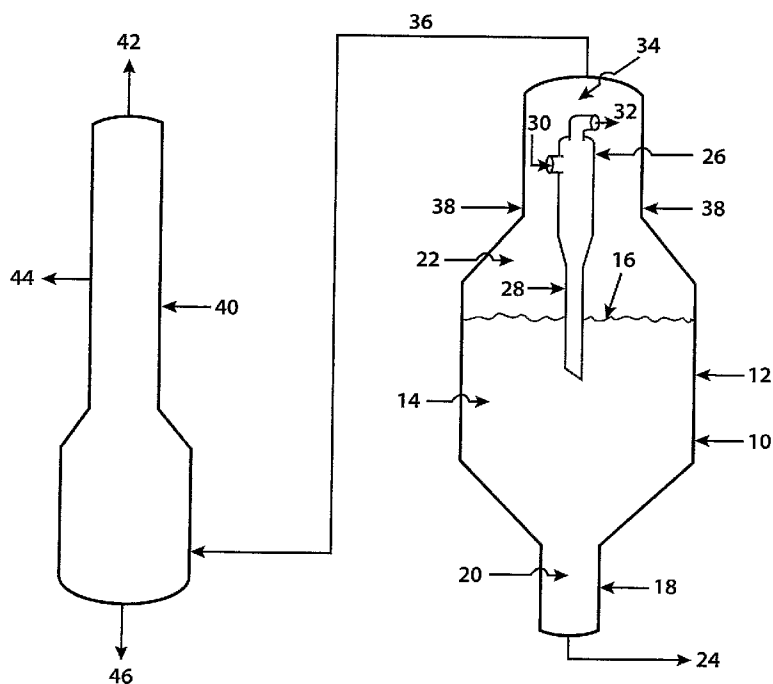
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(54) Title: ACOUSTIC AGGLOMERATION TO REDUCE FOULING IN THERMAL CONVERSION



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a process for reducing fouling of equipment used in thermal conversion processes such as FLUID COKING™ and FLEXICOKING™. Acoustic energy is used to acoustically agglomerate fine mists created during the coking process. The agglomerated mists are then carried along with the circulating coke instead of depositing on coking equipment.

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